

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Women Development, Child Welfare & Disabled Welfare Department – Constitution of fact finding Committee to give report on measures that need to be taken to strengthen Swadhar Shelter Homes and rehabilitation measures therein – Orders – Issued.

WOMEN DEV. CHILD WELFARE & DISABLE WELFARE (WP.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 204

Dated the 2nd July, 2009.

Read the following:-

From the Director, WD & CW, Hyderabad, Lr.No.2340/A1/2009,
dated: 05-05-2009.

ORDER :

In the letter read above the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, Hyderabad has stated that the Swadhar Shelter Home is equipped with staff on outsourcing basis for giving various training programmes like Yoga & Meditation, Psycho-social training, vocational training, etc., with the support of the Department. The strength of the home on 03.05.2009 was 42, out of these a total of 31 inmates (26 adults, 1 Minor and 4 Children) had escaped on that day. Every inmate undergoes the psycho-social counseling process for a minimum of 3 to 6 months to overcome trauma, drug addiction and other emotional problems. She has informed that of the 27 escaped members, 23 are under initial stage of counseling process and that nine girls have stayed back although they got the opportunity to run away. Director has further reported that all Eleven girls in the Home as on 26-06-2009 have also run away. This is the third such recent incident where girls have run away.

2. The Director, further reported that the Swadhar Home is exclusively meant for the shelter and rehabilitation of trafficking victims and their children. But, the candidates who have committed murders and involved in other criminal cases were also referred by the police, which she stated is the main reason for occurrence of such incidents and instructions may be given to the Home Department on the following issues:

- The other state rescued trafficking victims, referred by the police, must be handed over to their respective States after completion of the legal procedures by the Home Department itself. During the stay of such victims at the Swadhar Home, concerned police station should provide the police protection.
- The Home Department should not refer the candidates involved in murder and discharged from the prisons to the Swadhar Home as they may spoil the home atmosphere and have an adverse impact on the behavioral pattern of inmates.

3. Recently some more vocational training programmes had been added and some of the girls trained had earned money under masonry training etc. which was credited into their respective accounts and the same was required to be upscaled. Director, had also been requested to send a proposal for a separate home for Girls seeking alternative rehabilitation and for Minor girls which is still awaited. Government have to provide better facilities including counseling and job linked training programmes and placements.

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4. After careful consideration of the above matter, Government here by constitute a fact finding committee with the following members to give report within ten days on measures that need to be taken to prevent such incidents and also to effectively rehabilitate trafficked victims, particularly minor girls and those who are forced into prostitution and are seeking alternative rehabilitation.

1. Sri S.Umpathy, IPS, IG, CID.
2. Dr. Gowri, Superintendent, State Institute of Mental Health.
3. Smt. Sunitha Krishna, Prajwala.
4. Dr. Geetha Kutty, Professor, NIRD.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**P. RAMAKANTH REDDY,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To:

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4. Dr. Geetha Kutty, Professor, NIRD, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad.
through the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department.

Copy to:

1. The Director, WD & CW Deptt., A.P.Hyderabad.
2. The Principal Secretary Home Deptt., A.P. Secretariat Hyderabad.
3. The Principal Secretary Medical & Health Dept, A.P. Secretariat Hyderabad
4. The ADG, CB-CID, A.P. Hyderabad,
5. The Director, Medical Education, Hyderabad.
6. The Director General – NIRD, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad.

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